Two brothers sentenced to death in double murder case

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: The District and Sessions Court Jacobabad on Saturday sentenced two brothers to death in a double murder case.

District and Sessions Judge Syed Sharafuddin Shah found the two brothers — Lal Gul and Lal Bakhsh Buledi — guilty of the double murder in the name of so-called honour and awarded them capital punishment.

The court imposed a fine of Rs500,000 each and in case of default the convicts will have to serve an additional five-month imprisonment.

In a related case pertaining to possession of illegal weapons, both the convicts were sentenced to seven-year imprisonment.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs50,000 each and in case of default on payment, they will serve an additional three months in jail.

According to the prosecution, on May 4, 2024, the convicts murdered their niece, Fatima, and a young man, Mughem Lerwani Buledi in the name of so-called honour. A case was registered on behalf of the state on the complaint of Head Constable Mumtaz Ali Leghari.

Suspect Lal Jan Lerwani Buledi was also booked in the case and the court had already declared him a proclaimed offender.

Woman shot dead

SUKKUR: A woman was shot dead and her two daughters were wounded in a dispute over a piece of agriculture land in Maroof Shar village in Khairpur on Saturday.

Police identified the deceased as Bashiran, mother of 12, and her two daughters as Reshma and Kashifa.

They said that the body and the wounded girls were shifted to the nearby hospital, where the injured were admitted for medical treatment.

Meanwhile, the injured girls told the police that their father had a dispute with his uncles on a matter of a piece of agricultural land.—Correspondent

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'Unauthorised' construction work next to Pucca Qila wall stopped

By Our Staff Correspondent

A SENIOR official of Hyderabad's city taluka seals the site close to the Pucca Qila wall on Saturday.—Dawn

HYDERABAD: The district administration on Saturday sealed an under construction premises, just adjacent to the historical Pucca Qila fortification wall, over violation of the Antiquity Act, 1975.

Assistant Commissioner City Syed Noor Hussain took the action on culture department's January 2 letter seeking his intervention to get the ongoing work stopped. The letter stated that the construction activity as in violation of the Act.

An official of the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) Zeeshan Khanzada also visited the site along with his staff following the complaint. He informed the AC City that the unauthorised construction work had since been stopped. According to Mr Khanzada, the dismantling can be done only after taking permission from the SBCA regional director.

AC City then sealed the premises and closed the main entrance of the plot.

Owner of the premises Irfan Qureshi was not present at the site when the AC took the action. According to Mr Qureshi, it was around 3,000 sq-ft plot where his sawmill existed for a long time. "I have kept a distance from the fortification wall while raising the inner boundary walls to save these [Pucca Qila] walls from collapse," he told *Dawn*.

He was of the view that if it was about violation of the Act's provision of 200ft distance from inside and outside of an antiquity, then countless people have raised their structure in violation of this clause. Therefore, he argued, action should be taken against all of them as well.

IGP-formed body starts probe into man's death in 'fake' encounter

Policeman shown in a video shooting injured suspect taken into custody; statements of SHO, his team members and legal heirs of deceased recorded

By M.B. Kalhoro

LARKANA: A three-member committee formed by the inspector general of police on Saturday recorded statements of the legal heirs of a man allegedly killed in a "fake encounter" in Garhi Khuda Bakhsh Bhutto on Dec 27, 2025.

It also recorded statements of the Haideri SHO and his subordinates accused of having staged the encounter.

The IGP had formed the committee after the bereaved family rejected the police team's claim about killing Ali Gul Kalhoro, in an encounter.

A video that had gone viral on social media showed that one member of the police team, Head Constable Arz Mohammed Jatoi, shooting injured Ali Gul, who was lying on the ground.

The aggrieved relatives of the deceased who recorded their statements included Ghulam Mustafa Kalhoro, (cousin), Sachal Kalhoro (maternal uncle), Ustad Manzoor Kalhoro (paternal uncle) and Mohammad Bakhsh Kalhoro.

The proceedings were held at the Larkana DIG office.

According to Ghulam Mustafa Kalhoro, Ali Gul had gone to Garhi Khuda Bakhsh Bhutto to attend [Benazir Bhutto's] death anniversary programme on Dec 27, 2025. Ali Gul was carrying money for shopping when police killed him in a fake encounter, he alleged. He stated that Ali Gul had in the past been booked in several "fake" criminal cases and had obtained bail from a court of law in a murder case. Two months later, police again included Ali Gul's name in the diary, he further stated.

Ghulam Mustafa told the probe team that the video that went viral clearly showed Ali Gul being shot dead in public.

He demanded that an FIR on the complaint of Ali Gul's brother or cousin be registered against all police personnel who were present at the shooting site.

On their part, the Haideri police, as reported earlier to the SSP office, claimed that during a police encounter on Dec 27, 2025, one robber was killed while a police constable was injured.

The weapon seized from the deceased robber was taken into custody, and a search for his fleeing accomplices was underway.

The SSP office was informed: "Within the jurisdiction of Haideri Police Station, in the Honda Showroom area, robbers standing with the intention of committing a crime came into contact with the police. During the exchange of fire, one robber was critically injured by the firing of his own accomplices and died upon arrival at the hospital. He was identified as Ali Gul Kalhoro".

The Haideri police claimed that Ali Gul Kalhoro,

A resident of Mahi Makol village of Qambar-Shahdadkot had been involved in criminal activities since 2011 and had a criminal record at the police stations of various districts of Sindh.

However, Larkana SSP Ahmed Chaudhry, lately took notice of the video after which Head Constable Arz Mohammed Jatoi was taken into police custody.

The probe committee constituted by the IGP is headed by Additional IGP of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Zulfiqar Ali Larik with Khairpur SSP Dr Samiullah Soomro and Jacobabad SSP Mohammed Kalim being its other members.

The committee is supposed to submit its findings, along with specific recommendations, to the office of the Additional IGP (operations) within three days.

Two-day international moot on dentistry begins at LUMHS

Experts stress need for integrating traditional practices with modern science and advanced technological tools

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: The two-day 'Sixth International Dental Conference' got underway at the Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences (LUMHS), Jamshoro, on Saturday.

Prof Dr Kashif Ali Channar is chairing the conference, where local and foreign experts are discussing oral health under the theme of 'Transforming oral health — where technology meets tradition".

In his inaugural speech, LUMHS Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Ikram Din Ujjan, said that his institution is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to advancing education, research and healthcare in line with national priorities.

Oral health is a vital yet often neglected component of public health in Pakistan, particularly in underserved rural areas.

"Pakistan faces an increasing burden of oral diseases such as dental caries, periodontal disorders and oral cancers, which require affordable, context-specific and evidence-based solutions," he said.

VC Ujjan highlighted the importance of integrating traditional practices, including use of *miswak* and indigenous herbal knowledge, with modern dental science through proper research. He said advancements in digital dentistry, artificial intelligence, diagnostic imaging, biomaterials and tele-dentistry offer significant opportunities to improve service delivery and expand access to oral healthcare, especially in public sector.

He expressed his confidence that the conference would strengthen dental education, promote indigenous research and contribute to policy-relevant outcomes.

An associate professor of Zagazig University, Egypt, Dr Shady Ahmed Moussa Aly, presented a scholarly paper on "Common Faults in Dental Trauma Management in Children". In his presentation, he stressed the need for timely diagnosis, appropriate treatment, planning and adherence to evidence-based guidelines to address issues of frequent clinical mistakes in emergency.

He highlighted how improved awareness and training among dental professionals can significantly enhance outcomes and prevent long-term complications in children.

Dr Rana Nasr, a clinical supervisor from Syria, presented her research paper titled 'Photobiomodulation in Dentistry".

She discussed emerging role of photobiomodulation therapy in modern dental practice, highlighting its applications in pain management, tissue healing, and inflammation control.

She emphasised growing clinical evidence supporting this non-invasive technology and its potential to improve outcomes.

Dean Faculty of Dentistry Prof Dr Feroz Ali Kalhoro welcomed the participants and pointed out that the theme of the conference reflects contemporary challenges in dental education, research and clinical practice.

He stated that dentistry today stands at the intersection of innovation and tradition, with rapid advancements over the past two decades including digital and 3D imaging, dental implants and rotary endodontics.

During the conference, the participants would benefit from lectures, workshops, panel discussions and hands-on sessions to be conducted by renowned experts.

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In Memory of our beloved
Mrs Doreen Nargis Rizvi

At her khatam (40th day), we request a dua-i-maghfirat for our beloved mother, **Doreen Nargis Rizvi, wife of Late Dr Muhammad Hasan Rizvi.** She passed away on November 25, 2025, in Karachi, aged 96. She helped hundreds of people as the first Orthoptist in Karachi and head of the School Health Clinic at Spencer's Eye Hospital, which she ran for several decades until her retirement. She filled our lives with light and goodness. A woman of great strength and generosity, she was greatly loved and admired by her family and friends. She will forever remain in our hearts and in our prayers.

Paul Mehdi Rizvi, Kishwar Rizvi and Dirk Bergemann, Fateima and Jawaid Shaikh, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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With profound sorrow, we announce the sad demise of

MUHAMMAD HIDAYATULLAH
Son of Muhammad Sanaullah

who passed away on Friday, 2nd January, 2026, in Karachi.
Namaz-e-Janaza will be offered
on Sunday, 4th January, after Namaz-e-Asar (4:15 PM)
at Sultan Masjid, Phase V, DHA, Karachi.
Ladies gathering at House # 34, A Street, Phase V, DHA, Karachi.
Burial will take place at Phase VIII, DHA Graveyard, Karachi.

May Allah Almighty grant Maghfirat to the departed soul, elevate his rank in Jannat-ul-Firdaus, and give Sabr-e-Jameel to the bereaved family. Ameen.

Soyem will be held on Monday, 5th January, 2026 at 5:00 PM
at House # 34, A Street, Phase V, DHA.
Please remember the deceased in your prayers.

Bereaved

Mrs. Subuhi Hidayatullah and Children
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